

Franchise Tax Board**ANALYSIS OF ORIGINAL BILL**

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Related Bills: See Legislative History Telephone: 845-4301 Introduced Date: February 24, 2009
Attorney: Patrick Kusiak Sponsor: _____

SUBJECT: State Agencies Display On Homepage Of Web Sites The Phrase "Preparing For Disasters" That Links Users To Internet Web Site For Information Regarding Earthquake Preparedness

SUMMARY

This bill would require any state agency with a Web site to post a link to another Web site that provides information regarding emergency preparedness for home and workplace in the event of an earthquake.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

According to the author's office, the purpose of this bill is to provide readily available emergency information for all Californians regardless of which state agency Web site is visited.

EFFECTIVE/OPERATIVE DATE

If enacted in the first year of the two-year session, this bill would be effective January 1, 2010, and would be specifically operative beginning on July 1, 2010.

POSITION

Pending.

ANALYSIS**STATE LAW**

Under the California Emergency Services Act, the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) was created under the Governor's office to provide for the assignment of functions to state agencies to be performed during an emergency and for the coordination and direction of the emergency actions of those agencies.

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THIS BILL

This bill would require a state agency that maintains an Internet Web site to prominently display on the homepage of that Web site the phrase "Preparing for Disasters" that links a user to the Internet Web page of Cal EMA. The bill would require Cal EMA, in consultation with the Seismic Safety Commission, to create and maintain an Internet Web page that would provide the following for home and workplace safety:

- Information regarding earthquake preparedness.
- Guides and other publications regarding earthquake preparedness.
- Links to other Internet resources for earthquake preparedness

This bill's provisions would be specifically operative beginning July 1, 2010, and would provide intent language regarding the necessity of making earthquake preparedness information available to the citizenry.

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

Implementing this bill would not significantly impact department programs or operations.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

AB 38 (Nava, Stats. 2008, Ch. 372) renamed the Office of Emergency Services as the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA).

OTHER STATES' INFORMATION

A review of the Web sites of the Department of Revenues of the states of *Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New York* and *Massachusetts* did not reveal any information related to emergency services or earthquake preparedness.

FISCAL IMPACT

The provisions of this bill would not significantly impact department programs or operations.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The provisions of this bill would not impact state income tax revenues.

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